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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY)

As an inventor named below or on any attached continuation page, I hereby declare that:
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MANDREL FOR A GAS LIFT VALVE, the specification of which (check one):

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on April 14, 2004 as United States application serial no. 10/824,574 and was amended on _____.
☐ was filed on _____ as PCT international application no. _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and on any attached continuation page and have also identified below and on any attached continuation page any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

Prior foreign/PCT application(s):

			Priority	Claimed
BR PI 0300958-0	Brazil	15/04/03	X	
(number)	(country)	(day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and on any attached continuation page and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any such prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available

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between the filing date of such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(application serial no.)	(filing date)	(status—pending, patented or abandoned)
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(application serial no.)	(filing date)	(status—pending, patented or abandoned)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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(provisional application no.)	(filing date)

I hereby appoint the Registered Practitioners associated with Customer Number 24247 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, each undersigned ASSIGNOR does hereby:

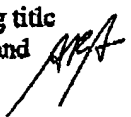
SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.- Petrobras ("ASSIGNEE"), having a place of business at Cidade Universitaria, Quadra 07, Ilha Do Fundao, 21949-900, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - Brazil, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the Application for United States Letters Patent Serial No. 10/824,574 filed on April 14, 2004, and entitled **MANDREL FOR A GAS LIFT VALVE**, such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent or the legal equivalent thereof which have been or may be filed in the United States and all foreign countries relating to any of such improvements; all original, reexamined and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application made in the United States;

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